

THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1 1-3. (canceled)

1 4. (currently amended) A liquid filter apparatus, such as a cooking oil and/or fat filter

2 apparatus, the apparatus comprising:

3 a filter means; and

4 a cup for receiving matter from a liquid being filtered, in use, and wherein the filter

5 means and the cup are formed by a single cup and filter body, and the cup comprises at least one

6 annular cup means.

1 5. (canceled)

1 6. (currently amended) A liquid filter apparatus as claimed in claim [[5]] 4, wherein the

2 filter means and cup are integrally formed in a single filter body.

1 7. (currently amended) A liquid filter apparatus as claimed in claim 6, wherein the cup and

2 filter body comprises a sheet form member optionally including pleats.

1 8. (currently amended) A liquid filter apparatus as claimed in claim 7, wherein the sheet

2 form member is made from a material having filtering properties.

1 9. (canceled)

1 10. (currently amended) A liquid filter apparatus as claimed in claim 4, wherein the cup

2 comprises a plurality of cup means.

1 11. (currently amended) A liquid filter apparatus as claimed in claim 4, wherein the cup
2 comprises a plurality of substantially concentric annular cup means.

1 12. (currently amended) A liquid filter apparatus as claimed in claim 4, wherein the filter
2 means is made from a cellulose fabric.

1 13. (currently amended) A liquid filter apparatus as claimed in claim 4, wherein the filter
2 means is made from polyester.

1 14. (currently amended) A liquid filter apparatus as claimed in claim 4, wherein a suction
2 side surface of the cup comprises an annular receiving space.

1 15. (currently amended) A liquid filter apparatus as claimed in claim 4, further comprising
2 filter support means.

1 16. (currently amended) A liquid filter apparatus as claimed in claim 15, wherein the filter
2 support means comprises a substantially rigid body having an inner surface which at least in part
3 closely fits with a discharge side surface of the filter means.

1 17. (currently amended) A liquid filter apparatus as claimed in claim 15, wherein the filter
2 support means comprises at least one annular portion.

1 18. (currently amended) A liquid filter apparatus as claimed in claim 17, wherein the filter
2 support means comprises a plurality of substantially concentric annular portions.

1 19. (currently amended) A liquid filter apparatus as claimed in claim 15, wherein the filter
2 support means is manufactured from a high temperature resistant material which is suitable for
3 use with food products.

1 20. (currently amended) A liquid filter apparatus as claimed in claim 4, further comprising
2 inlet means for delivery of unfiltered liquid to the filter means, and outlet means for removal of
3 filtered liquid from the filter means.

1 21. (currently amended) A liquid filter apparatus as claimed in claim 20, wherein the inlet
2 means is above the filter means, when in situ, and the outlet means is below the filter means.

1 22. (currently amended) A liquid apparatus as claimed in claim 20, wherein the inlet means
2 is above the filter means, when in situ, and the outlet means is above the filter means.

1 23. (currently amended) A liquid filter apparatus as claimed in claim 5, wherein the cup and
2 filter body have a side cross-section in the shape of a "W".

1 24. (currently amended) A liquid filter apparatus as claimed in claim 4, wherein the filter
2 means has a side cross-section in the shape of a "V".

1 25. (currently amended) A liquid filter apparatus as claimed in claim 5, wherein the single
2 cup and filter body has a side cross-section in the shape of a plurality of "V"s.

1 26. (currently amended) A liquid filter apparatus as claimed in claim 25, wherein the single
2 cup and filter body has a side cross-section in the shape of at least four "V"s.

1 27. (currently amended) A liquid filter apparatus as claimed in claim 15, wherein the filter
2 support means has a side cross-section in the shape of a "W".

1 28. (currently amended) A liquid filter apparatus as claimed in claim 15, wherein the filter
2 support means has a side cross-section in the shape of a "V".

1 29. (currently amended) A liquid filter apparatus as claimed in claim 15, wherein the filter
2 support means has a side cross-section in the shape of a plurality of "V"s.

1 30. (currently amended) A liquid filter apparatus as claimed in claim 5, wherein the single
2 cup and filter body comprises a first frusto-conical portion and a second frusto-conical portion,
3 the first frusto-conical portion being provided within the second frusto-conical portion, the
4 second frusto-conical portion being inverted relative to the first frusto-conical portion, a narrow
5 end of the first frusto-conical portion being joined with a wide end of the second frusto-conical
6 portion.

1 31. (currently amended) A liquid filter apparatus as claimed in claim 5, wherein the single
2 cup and filter body comprises first, second, third and fourth frusto-conical portions, the frusto-
3 conical portions being provided one within the other, the second and fourth frusto-conical
4 portions being inverted relative to the first and third frusto-conical portions, one end of one
5 frusto-conical portion being joined with an adjacent end of an adjacent frusto-conical portion.

1 32. (currently amended) A liquid filter apparatus as claimed in claim 5, wherein the single
2 cup and filter body is substantially symmetrical about every plane extending through a central
3 axis thereof.

1 33. (currently amended) A liquid filter apparatus as claimed in claim 5, wherein the single
2 cup and filter body is in the form of a cone.

1 34. (currently amended) A liquid filter apparatus as claimed in claim 5, wherein the single
2 cup and filter body is in the form of a cone has been partially inverted to define a "W" cross-
3 sectional shape, such that a single annular cup is provided.

1 35. (currently amended) A liquid filter apparatus as claimed in claim 34, wherein the cone is
2 partially inverted such that a lower edge of the cone, is aligned with an upper edge thereof.

1 36. (currently amended) A liquid filter apparatus as claimed in claim 20, wherein the filter
2 support means provides means to transport filtered liquid from a discharge side of the filter
3 means to the outlet means.

1 37. (currently amended) A liquid filter apparatus as claimed in claim 36, wherein the
2 transport means comprises a plurality of apertures in the filter support means.

1 38. (currently amended) A liquid filter apparatus as claimed in claim 36, wherein the
2 transport means comprises a plurality of channels provided or formed on a surface of the filter
3 support means.

1 39. (currently amended) A liquid filter apparatus as claimed in claim 20, further comprising
2 means for detachably attaching the filter means thereto.

1 40. (currently amended) A liquid filter apparatus as claimed in claim 39, wherein the
2 detachable attachment means comprises means for releasably connecting the filter support means
3 to the inlet means and outlet means.

1 41. (currently amended) A liquid filter apparatus as claimed in claim 40, wherein the
2 releasable connection means comprises a quick release coupling.

1 42. (currently amended) A liquid filter apparatus as claimed in claim 41, wherein the inlet
2 means includes a rotary coupling.

1 43. (currently amended) A liquid filter apparatus as claimed in claim 42, wherein the outlet
2 means includes a further rotary coupling.

1 44. (currently amended) A filter device or apparatus as claimed in claim 15, wherein, in use,
2 a seal is formed between [[a]] the filter means and [[a]] the filter means support by a liquid
3 cooking oil and/or cooking fat being filtered.

1 45. (canceled)

1 46. (currently amended) A cup and filter body means or cup for use in a filter cooking oil
2 and/or cooking fat filter apparatus according to claim 4.

1 47. (canceled)

1 48. (currently amended) An apparatus, such as a cooking apparatus, the apparatus
2 comprising a filter cooking oil and/or cooking fat apparatus according to claim 4.

1 49. (currently amended) An apparatus, such as a cooking apparatus, as claimed in claim 48,
2 comprising a commercial cooking apparatus adapted for use in a food outlet, restaurant or other
3 food retail premises.

1 50. (currently amended) An apparatus, such as a cooking apparatus, as claimed in claim 48,
2 adapted for use in a factory or other commercial food preparation premises.

1 51. (previously presented) An apparatus, such as a cooking apparatus as claimed in claim 48,
2 comprising a frying machine or deep fat/oil fryer.

1 52. (new) A filter apparatus as claimed in claim 44, wherein the at least one seal is provided
2 by virtue of the cooking oil and/or cooking fat adhering to the at least one of the filter support
3 means and/or filter means so as to provide the at least one seal through viscous tension.

1 53. (new) A filter apparatus as claimed in claim 15, wherein an upper end of the filter means
2 forms a seal with an internal surface provided at an upper end of the filter support means, the
3 upper end of the filter means and the upper end of the filter support means being flared out.